

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD JULY 26, 2012 AT THE VERDE VALLEY SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 500 E. CHERRY STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

Chairperson Dobler called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was as follows:

Commission Members Present

Max Brown, Commission Member
Iris Dobler, Chairperson
Paula Kelly, Commission Member
John O'Neill, Vice Chairperson
Beverly Emerson, Commission Member

Commission Members Absent

Elaine Bremner, Commission Member
Dave Puzas, Commission Member

Council Members Absent

Linda Norman

Guests Present

None

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no one present to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2012

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Chairperson Dobler explained that she had discussed the emergency kit opportunity with the City Attorney, and he felt it was not something the Sr. Commission should be involved with. Commission members all agreed it was not something there were really interested in doing. Ms. Dobler has notified Constance Howard that the Commission will not be assisting with the emergency kit project.
- Discussion of projects to get seniors and kids interacting. Several Commission members said they felt both the schools and senior living facilities already had programs like this in place, and they didn't feel it was something the Commission needed to get involved with.
- Discussion about getting information out to seniors in our Community. Several Commission members felt the Senior Center was already doing a good job of this, and that's probably where this should remain. They also felt other organizations were already doing some of this, and whatever they would think of would probably be a duplication of efforts. Members would offer to assist the Senior Center line up special presentations as needed – such as “Abuse: There's No Excuse”, or a Senior Resources

Conference & Expo, such as will be held September 7, 2012 at the Prescott site of Yavapai College (copy attached).

- Referral service for seniors. Commissioner Bremner had notified Chairperson Dobler that the Senior Center would be providing this service soon. She will hire someone, to be funded by a Title 5 Program. So, again, Commission members agreed there was no need for the Commission to set up a duplication-type program. Any of them who are interested could volunteer at the Senior Center to help with this project.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chairperson Dobler reported that Commissioner Puzas had resigned his seat, effective July 24, 2012. This was the third meeting he missed this year, and he indicated he might need to miss more in the future.
- Chairperson Dobler asked the Commission members what types of projects they saw the Commission becoming involved with in the future. No one had any ideas. The general consensus was that most everything that needs to be done in the local community is already being handled by the Senior Center or some other organization that serves the senior population. Several members said the only thing the Commission had been involved with for several years was the Prime Time Fair. However, the Commission does not sponsor or put on this event, so members could volunteer through one of the organizations that put it on, and still work on that project. One member said she had planned not to re-apply when her term expires. Another said her question had always been, what is the purpose of the Senior Commission; what does it really do. After much discussion, the Commission members requested Chairperson Dobler to speak with the Mayor and recommend the Senior Commission be disbanded.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Kelly to adjourn. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.